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PATENT

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In re Application of:
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EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS IN
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Group Art Unit: 1648

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 22, 2005 for which the date for response was October 22, 2005.

A request for a five-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This five-month extension will bring the due date to March 22, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/OMRF:050USD2/SLH.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-5, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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